

EVENING SESSION:

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 7 P.M.

REPORT OF THE MASONIC HOME.

R. Wor. Bro. A. F. Simpson, for the Special Committee on the Masonic Home, made the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M. :

Your Special Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master, in pursuance of resolution passed at last Session of Grand Lodge, to report at this meeting on the motion introduced by Bro. Fyfe, which reads as follows :—

*Be it resolved :—*That that part of the Constitution relating to members' fees payable for Grand Lodge purposes, be amended to read as follows :—“Every member of each Lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, the sum of fifty cents per annum. Also an additional sum of fifty cents per annum for Benevolence and Charity. Fifty per cent. of said Benevolent fee to be applied for the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic Home, said proceeds to be placed in the hands of three trustees, elected by and subject to the will of Grand Lodge; and the remaining fifty per cent. of said Benevolent Fee shall be applied for the support of a Board of Relief in each district, said Boards of Relief to be composed of one representative from each Lodge, and governed by By-Laws to be adopted at a joint meeting of all the Boards of Relief. Fifty per cent. of any unexpended balance of the annual income of each Board of Relief to be paid over to the trustees of the Home Fund annually.

It will be observed that this resolution provides for three separate and distinct objects: First—The sum of fifty cents per annum from each member on the roll of Grand Lodge, for Grand Lodge purposes, as at present provided for by Sec. 95 of the Constitution; Second—The sum of twenty-five cents per annum for the purchase and maintenance of a Masonic Home; and Third—A further sum of twenty-five cents per annum for the support of a Board of Relief in each district.

The first item of fifty cents, mentioned in the resolution, is at the present time obligatory on every member on the roll of Grand Lodge, therefore the resolution only calls for an additional tax of fifty cents per annum, to carry out the idea of a Masonic Home and maintenance of a Board of Relief in each district. Your Committee consider that the motion resolves itself into two questions :